

Amendment No. 1 to SB1628

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1628*

House Bill No. 1606

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following language:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-50-115(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead:

(1) Every child in Tennessee under twenty-four (24) years of age who is enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at a public university or community college or enrolled at a Tennessee college of applied technology (TCAT) and whose parent is a full-time employee of the state or whose parent died while employed full-time by the state or was killed on the job or in the line of duty while a full-time employee of the state shall receive a twenty-five percent (25%) tuition discount.

(2) Every child in Tennessee under twenty-four (24) years of age who is enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at a public university or community college or enrolled at a TCAT and whose parent is a retired employee of the state who retired after a minimum of twenty-five (25) years of full-time creditable service shall receive a twenty-five percent (25%) tuition discount.

(3)

(A) A student who is eligible for a tuition discount under subdivision (a)(1) or (a)(2) and is enrolled at a public university or community college may receive the tuition discount for a total of one hundred twenty (120) semester hours. A student who is eligible for a tuition discount under subdivision (a)(1) or (a)(2) and is enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program required to be more than one

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hundred twenty (120) semester hours in length may receive the tuition discount for the number of semester hours required to earn the baccalaureate degree.

(B) Once a student has earned a baccalaureate degree, the student shall not be eligible for a tuition discount under this section.

(C) The limitations of subdivisions (a)(3)(A) and (a)(3)(B) shall not apply to a student who received a tuition discount prior to the 2018-2019 academic year and remains eligible for a tuition discount under subdivision (a)(1) or (a)(2) for the 2018-2019 academic year or academic years thereafter.

(4) Clock-hours earned as a TCAT student shall not count toward the limitation under subdivision (a)(3). Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(3)(B), no restriction shall be placed on the number of clock-hours for which a TCAT student shall be eligible for a tuition discount under this section; provided, that the TCAT student meets the requirements of subdivision (a)(1) or (a)(2).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-119(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead:

(1) Every child in Tennessee under twenty-four (24) years of age who is enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at a public university or community college or enrolled at a Tennessee college of applied technology (TCAT) and whose parent is employed as a full-time certified teacher in any public school in Tennessee or as a full-time technology coordinator in any LEA in Tennessee shall receive a twenty-five percent (25%) tuition discount. Every child in Tennessee under twenty-four (24) years of age who is enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at a public university or community

college or enrolled at a TCAT and whose parent is a retired teacher who retired after a minimum of thirty (30) years of full-time creditable service in Tennessee public schools or who received disability retirement after a minimum of twenty-five (25) years of full-time creditable service in Tennessee public schools shall receive a twenty-five percent (25%) tuition discount. Any child who is receiving the discount provided for by this section but whose parent dies during the time the child is enrolled and receiving the discount is eligible to continue to receive the discount as provided in this section.

(2)

(A) A student who is eligible for a tuition discount under subdivision (a)(1) and is enrolled at a public university or community college may receive the tuition discount for a total of one hundred twenty (120) semester hours. A student who is eligible for a tuition discount under subdivision (a)(1) and is enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program required to be more than one hundred twenty (120) semester hours in length may receive the tuition discount for the number of semester hours required to earn the baccalaureate degree.

(B) Once a student has earned a baccalaureate degree, the student shall not be eligible for a tuition discount under this section.

(C) The limitations of subdivisions (a)(2)(A) and (a)(2)(B) shall not apply to a student who received a tuition discount prior to the 2018-2019 academic year and remains eligible for a tuition discount under subdivision (a)(1) or for the 2018-2019 academic year or academic years thereafter.

(3) Clock-hours earned as a TCAT student shall not count toward the limitation under subdivision (a)(2). Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(2)(B), no restriction shall be placed on the number of clock-hours for which a TCAT student shall be eligible for a tuition discount under this section; provided, that the TCAT student meets the requirements of subdivision (a)(1).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.